

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

LAURA BAGA,

Plaintiff,

v.

PRESIDIO NETWORKED
SOLUTIONS, LLC,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:22-cv-1325 MJP

ORDER GRANTING STIPULATED
MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL
AND EXTEND PRETRIAL
DEADLINES

This matter comes before the Court on the Parties' Stipulated Motion to Continue Trial and Extend Pretrial Deadlines. (Dkt. No. 19.) Having reviewed the Motion and all supporting materials, the Court GRANTS the Motion.

The Parties ask for an extension of the trial date and remaining case deadlines because they have been attempting to engage in mediation since June, but were unable to complete an August 3 mediation due to an unforeseen insurance issue impacting Defendant's authority to

1 settle. To allow the Parties to attempt resolution of this case with the insurance issue resolved,
2 they ask for an extension of the remaining case deadlines and a new trial date in April 2024.

3 Rule 16(b)(4) states that “a schedule may be modified only for good cause and with the
4 judge’s consent.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4). “Rule 16(b)’s ‘good cause’ standard primarily
5 considers the diligence of the party seeking the amendment.” Johnson v. Mammoth Recreations,
6 Inc., 975 F.2d 604, 609 (9th Cir. 1992). “[T]he focus of the inquiry is upon the moving party’s
7 reasons for seeking modification” and “[i]f that party was not diligent, the inquiry should end.”
8 Id. (citation omitted).

9 The Parties have shown sufficient good cause to merit an extension of the remaining case
10 deadlines and a new trial date. As the Court has previously explained, the Parties are not required
11 to mediate and are free to discuss settlement directly without the assistance of a third-party
12 neutral. But the Court has also acknowledged the Parties’ desire to limit costs and expenses and
13 conserve judicial resources by attempting to resolve this case through mediation. The current
14 need for an extension reflects diligence and an unforeseen insurance issue impacting settlement
15 negotiations. The Court therefore GRANTS the Motion and sets the following trial date and new
16 case deadlines:

17 Event	Current Deadline	New Deadline
18 Trial Date	November 6, 2023	April 15, 2024 at 9:00 AM
19 Dispositive motions must be 20 filed by and noted on the motion calendar on the fourth Friday thereafter (see CR7(d))	August 10, 2023	December 18, 2023
21 All motions in limine must be 22 filed by and noted on the motion calendar no earlier than the third Friday 23 thereafter and no later than the Friday before the pretrial conference.	October 2, 2023	March 11, 2024

1	Agreed Pretrial Order due	October 24, 2023	April 2, 2024
2	Trial briefs, proposed voir dire questions, and proposed jury instructions:	October 24, 2023	April 2, 2024
3	Pretrial conference	October 26, 2023	April 8, 2024 at 1:30 PM
4	Length of jury trial	5 Days	5 Days

5 The clerk is ordered to provide copies of this order to all counsel.

6 Dated August 10, 2023.

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8 Marsha J. Pechman
9 United States Senior District Judge